

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard.

Furthermore, the
fact that Mark
Hyman, a Vice
President of
Sinclair, compared
those who think that
the airwaves should
be used fairly by
all sides,
especially right
before an election,
to Holocaust deniers
is a blasphemous
belittlement of all
those who suffered
through the
Holocaust and then
have had to listen

to people say it
never happened.
There is not, there
never was, and there
never will be any
valid comparison
between Holocaust
deniers and people
who merely believe
in a fair press
which gives equal
time to all the
major parties. It
is appalling that
Mr. Hyman tried to
score political
points in such a
disreputable way.

Thank you.